zyd November MONOPOLIES

There was further discussion to-day on the reading of the Bill of Monopolies, and because there was no common agreement on the manner of proceeding in a matter touching the Queen's Prerogative it was referred to a committee of the House in the afternoon But nothing is further concluded sa-ve that there shall be a fresh meeting to-morrow

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To-day there was some loud confusion in the House touching some private murmuring of monopolies, whereupon Mr Secretary Cecil spake, saying, * The duty I owe and the zeal to extinguish monopolies makes me to speak now, and to satisfy their opinions that think there shall be no redress of these monopolies Order is attended with these two handmaids, Gravity and Zeal , but Zeal with Discretion I have been, though unworthy, a member of this House in six or seven Parliaments, yet never did I see the House in so great confusion I believe there ne\er was in any Parliament a more tender point handled than the liberty of the subject, that when any is discussing this point he should be cried or coughed down This is more fit for a grammar school than a Court of Parliament I have been a Councillor of State this twelve years, yet did I never know it subject to construction of levity and disorder Much more ought we to be regardful in so great and grave an Assembly Why, we have had speeches upon speeches without either order or discretion One would have had us proceed by Bill and see if the Queen would have denied it Another that the patents should be brought here before us and cancelled , and this were bravely done ' Others would have us to proceed by way of petition, which course doubtless is best* But for the first, and

especially the second,
it is so ridiculous that I th^lc we should
have had as bad success
as the Devil himself would have wished in
so good a cause * He
would therefore have every man rest
satisfied till the Committee
had brought in their resolution

< WHAT You WILL '

The Children of Paul's have a play by Marston called *Wirt Tou Will,* whereof the argument is that a merchant Albano being reported drowned at sea, many suitors come about Celia